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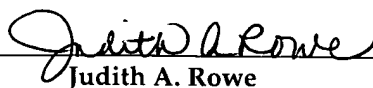
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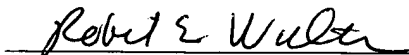
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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5338059	08/16/1994	Inoue et al.			
	5641554	06/24/1997	Koizumi et al.			
	5685560	11/11/1997	Sugiyama et al.			
	5839752	11/24/1998	Yamasaki et al.			
	5845929	12/08/1998	Schlett et al.			
	5979931	11/09/1999	Totani et al.			
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	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
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